

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 2/23/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-17.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 25 September 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-17 filed 2/23/2005 have been fully considered and they are persuasive.

Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

1. Claims 1-17 are allowable over the prior of records.
2. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Regarding claims 1, 3, and 10-11, the allowability, at least in part, resides in a computer-implemented method of generating a control data for a bending apparatus, fails to teach in part the steps of a local coordinate system representing a stable die of the bending apparatus within the overall coordinate system. Regarding claim 4, the allowability, at least in part, resides in a computer-implemented method of generating a control data for a bending apparatus, fails to teach in part the steps of capturing from a computer-aided design system a shape data specifically a shape of an elongated product. Regarding claims 5-8, the allowability, at least in part, resides in a computer-implemented method of generating a control data for a bending apparatus, fails to teach in part the steps of determining a geometric position for movable die of the bending apparatus based on a shape data specifying a shape of an elongated product. Regarding claim 9, the allowability, at least in part, resides in a computer-implemented method of generating a control data for a bending apparatus, fails to teach in part the steps of determining a feed speed for an elongated workpiece which passes through a stable die of the bending apparatus based on a neutral axis. Regarding claims 12 and 13, the allowability, at least in part, resides in a computer-implemented method of generating a control data for a bending

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apparatus, fails to teach in part the steps of determining an angle of torsion per unit length for a unit feed amount specified in a direction of the longitudinal axis based on the shape data.

Regarding claim 14, the allowability, at least in part, resides in a computer-implemented method of generating a control data for a bending apparatus, fails to teach in part the steps of determining a quantity for an elastic/plastic torsional deformation that is induced in the elongated workpiece, based on the torsional moment. Regarding claim 15, the allowability, at least in part, resides in a computer-implemented method of generating a control data for a bending apparatus, fails to teach in part the steps of determining a quantity for a torsional variation induced in an elongated workpiece in response to a sectional deformation of the elongated workpiece, wherein the section deformation is induced at an edge of a through hole on at least one of the first and second dies.

Regarding claim 14, the allowability, at least in part, resides in a computer-implemented method of generating a control data for a bending apparatus, fails to teach in part the steps of determining a quantity of a clearance defined between the elongated workpiece and at least one of first and second dies. Regarding claim 17, the allowability, at least in part, resides in a bending apparatus, fails to teach in part a processor unit designed to determine a position for the movable die based on respective local coordinate systems, the local coordinate systems defined on respective cross-sections of an image of the elongated product within the overall coordinate system..

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Conclusion

1. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to examiner Douglas Lee, whose telephone number is (571) 272-3745. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00AM- 4:30PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, *Leo Picard*, can be reached on (571) 272-3749 or via e-mail addressed to [*leo.picard@uspto.gov*]. The fax number for this Group is (703) 872-9306.

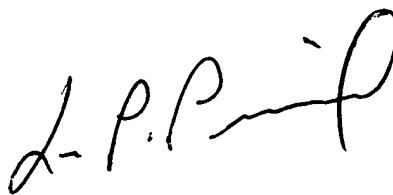
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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 306-5631.

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